



**TO:** Republican Study Committee members  
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**RE:** UPDATED Reconciliation Roundup

### **UPDATED RECONCILIATION ROUNDUP: 31 Policies to Wreck America**

When we finally saw the bill text of the Democrats' reconciliation package, the Republican Study Committee provided you the definitive document outlining 42 policies included in the Democrats' reconciliation bill.

Now we have new bill text. And we wanted to give you an update on what's in and what's out. Because it's not about the topline "pricetag" (and it's NOT \$0). It's about the underlying policies within the bill. And there are 31 devastating policies that would wreck America still left in the Democrats' reconciliation package.

Remember, each one of these bullets is enough to vote against the bill. Together, it's *still* mind-blowingly corrupt and will turn our country into a sociality nation overnight.

As Democrats fall on their face yet again, we need to do our part and ***loudly*** oppose this bill and make it as uncomfortable for the so-called "moderates" in the Democrat party to support this package.

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1. **Perpetuates labor shortage:** Continues welfare benefits *without work requirements* for able-bodied adults without dependents at a time where there are 10.4 million job openings—more openings than there are people looking for work.
  2. ~~**Commissions a climate police:** Democrats stuffed \$8 billion into the bill to commission a cabal of federally funded climate police called the Civilian Climate Corps (CCC) who will conduct progressive activism on taxpayers' dime (pages [8](#), [21](#), and [926](#)).~~
  3. ~~**Pushes Green New Deal in our public schools:** Requires funding for school construction be used largely on enrollment diversity and Green New Deal agenda items ([page 55](#)).~~
  4. **Pushes Green New Deal in our universities:** Democrats include a \$10 billion "environmental justice" higher education slush fund to indoctrinate college students and advance Green New Deal policies ([page 1,330](#)).
  5. **Forces faith-based child care providers out:** The bill blocks the ability of many faith-based providers from participating in the childcare system and will lead to many of their closures ([page 206](#)).
  6. **Hurts small and in-home daycares:** Requires pre-K staff to have a college degree. ([page 236](#))
  7. **Includes new incentives for illegal immigration:** Illegal immigrants will be eligible for additional student aid ([page 77](#)) and the enhanced child tax credit ([page 1452](#), [page 1,946](#)).
  8. **Includes legislative hull for Biden's vaccine mandate:** Increases OSHA penalties on businesses that fail to implement the mandate up to \$700,000 per violation ([page 105](#)) and includes nearly a billion dollars in funding for the Department of Labor to increase enforcement of these penalties ([page 103](#)).
  9. **Gives unions near-total control:** The bill creates a new civil penalties against employers up to \$100,000, subjecting director or officers to penalties that exempt union bosses and officials ([page 108](#)). It coerces businesses to meet union boss demands by increasing Fair Labor Standards Act penalties by an astronomical 900% ([page 105](#)).
  10. ~~**Makes unions bigger and more powerful:** The bill would subsidize union dues that would only serve to strengthen the influence of union bosses and not American workers ([page 2323](#)).~~
  11. **Pushes Democrats' wasteful and confusing school lunch agenda:** \$250 million for, among other things, "procuring...culturally appropriate foods" ([page 263](#)).

- 12. Furthers radical abortion agenda:** Does not include the Hyde amendment and would mandate taxpayers pay for abortions ([page 122](#)) & ([page 266](#)).
- 13. Drives up costs on Americans' utility bills:** Issues a punitive methane tax ([page 367](#)) and Includes a tax on natural gas eventually up to \$1,500 per ton that could cost the American economy up to \$9.1 billion and cost 90,000 Americans their jobs ([page 334](#)).
- 14. Includes dangerous & deadly green energy mandate:** Effectively forces Americans to get 40% of their energy from wind, solar and other unreliable forms of energy within 8 years ([page 392](#)). Reliance on these energy sources has proven [deadly](#).
- 15. Includes kickbacks for the Left's green energy special interest network:** Nearly \$5 billion for "environmental and climate justice block grants" ([page 346](#)) and tens of billions more for green energy special interest subsidies, loans and other carve outs.
- 16. Gives wealthy Americans tax credits:** Hundreds of billions of dollars in "green energy" tax credits will be given to those who can afford expensive electric vehicles and other "green" innovative products ([page 1832](#)).
- 17. Furthers Democrats' social justice agenda:** Includes "equity" initiatives throughout the bill. In fact, the word is mentioned 32 times. and, in one instance, Democrats inserted "equity" language into a title which should have been focusing on the maintenance of the United States' cyber security efforts ([page 897](#)).
- 18. Grants amnesty for millions of illegal immigrants:** House Democrats have included in their bill a new plan to grant amnesty to around 8 million illegal immigrants under which any illegal immigrant who was in the country before 2010 would now be granted amnesty. This will cost billions of dollars that would largely be spent on welfare and other entitlements ([page 794](#)). Trillions more would be spent long term on their Social Security and Medicare.
- 19. Opens border even wider:** The bill would waive many grounds for immigration inadmissibility, including infection or lack of vaccination status during a Pandemic, failure to attend removal proceedings in previous immigration cases, and the previous renouncement of American citizenship. DHS may also waive previous convictions for human trafficking, narcotics violations, and illegal voting ([page 903](#)).
- 20. Increases visa limit:** Democrats would bypass annual limits on immigration by adding unused employment-based visas on top of the existing 226,000 family-preference visa floor nad "recapturing" hundreds of thousands of previously issued visas from past years. The bill would also give lottery visas to anyone who was denied one due to the Pandemic or because of President Trump's immigration policies. ([page 795](#)).
- 21. Grants fast-tracked green cards for those seeking middle-class careers in America:** Language included in the bill exempts certain aliens from the annual green card statutory limits and has been described as a "[hidden](#) pipeline for U.S. employers to flood more cheap foreign graduates into millions of middle-class careers needed by American graduates" ([page 797](#)).
- 22. Includes pork for Nancy Pelosi:** \$200 million is earmarked for the Presidio Trust in Speaker Pelosi's congressional district ([page 933](#)).
- 23. Increases energy dependence on OPEC, Russia and China:** The bill includes mineral and energy withdrawals on federal lands and overturns provisions included in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that authorized energy production in the Arctic that will result in 130,000 Americans losing their jobs and \$440 billion in lost federal revenue ([page 851](#)). The mineral withdrawals would, ironically, include minerals necessary for renewable energy sources ([page 831](#)).
- 24. Exacerbates the chip shortage:** The bill would fund the conversion of the Postal Service and General Services Administration vehicle fleet from internal combustion engines to electric engines at a time when there is a global microchip shortage and crippled supply chains ([page 865](#)).
- 25. Democrats' feckless China bill is included:** Concepts from the insanely weak *Endless Frontier Act* included, including billion of dollars in research funding that will likely result in American intellectual property going to China ([page 882](#)).
- 26. Chases green energy pipe dreams:** \$264 million to the EPA to conduct research with left-wing environmental justice groups on how to transition away from fossil fuels ([page 1063](#)).
- 27. Fixes "racist" roads and bridges:** Adds a nearly \$4 billion slush fund that would help left-wing grassroots organizations that, among other things, want to tear down and rebuild or otherwise alter infrastructure deemed "racist" ([page 1183](#)).
- 28. Punishes red states for failing to adopt Green New Deal provisions:** Mandates "consequences" for conservative states that don't meet the radical Left's "green" climate standards while at the same time adding nearly \$4 billion for "Community Climate Incentive Grants" for cooperating states ([page 940](#)).

- 29. Includes new massive, bankrupting entitlement:** The new paid leave entitlement would mandate workers get 12 weeks of paid leave and would cost \$500 billion over ten years according to the CBO ([page 1245](#)). It would apply to those making up to half a million dollars a year ([page 1254](#)).
- 30. Advances a totalitarian and paternalistic view of the federal government:** Includes grants for organizations to treat individuals suffering from “loneliness” and “social isolation.” ([page 1034](#))
- 31. Further detaches individuals from employment and more reliant on government handouts:** The bill spends hundreds of billions on welfare through manipulating the tax code [not even including the expansions of Obamacare subsidies] ([page 1440](#)).
- 32. Tax benefits for the top 1%:** The bill will *possibly* lift the SALT deduction cap meaning many of the top 1% wealthiest Americans would pay less in taxes.
- 33. Tax credit for wealthy donors who give to woke universities:** The bill creates a new tax credit program that gives tax credits worth 40% of cash contribution that are made to university research programs ([page 1492](#)). ).
- 34. Expands worst parts of Obamacare:** Obamacare’s job-killing employer mandate will become more severe by adjusting the definition of “affordable coverage” to mean coverage that costs no more than 8.5 percent of income rather than current law’s 9.5 percent of income ([page 1459](#)).
- 35. Increases taxes on Americans at every income level:** The bill’s trillions of dollars in tax hikes will be felt by those making under \$400,000 per year, contrary to what the White House says. Individuals at all income levels will be affected ([Ways and Means GOP](#)).
- 36. Lowers wages for working families and moves jobs overseas:** The 15% minimum tax on book income is a double tax on investment. This will reduce investment, productivity and lower the wages of American workers who end up paying as much as 75% of the tax on investment through reduced compensation. ([page 1509](#)) The corporate tax rate will increase by 5.5%, meaning American companies will face one of the highest tax burdens in the world. According to [analysis](#), two-thirds of this tax hike will fall on lower- and middle-income taxpayers ([page 2110](#)).
- 37. Penalizes marriage:** The bill would double the EITC’s marriage penalty on childless worker benefits ([page 1455](#)).
- 38. Imposes crushing taxes on small business:** ~~Guts the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act small business deductions that reduced pass-through entity taxes to keep them comparable to taxes imposed on corporations ([page 2235](#)) as well as Hammer small businesses that file as individual tax earners with the 39.6% rate ([page 2221](#)) and Obamacare’s 3.8% tax on net investment income ([page 1655](#)).~~
- 39. Crushes family businesses and farms:** ~~The bill would impose a 25% capital gains rate ([page 2226](#)) and makes alterations.~~
- 40. Violates Americans’ financial privacy:** \$80 billion slush fund to hire an 87,000-IRS-agent army to carry out the Biden administration’s plan to review every account with more than \$10,000 worth of transactions in a year. ([page 1663](#)).
- 41. Increases out of pocket costs for those who rely on prescription drugs:** The bill repeals the Trump-era Rebate Rule which passes through rebates directly to consumers at the point of sale ([page 2465](#)).
- 42. Imports policies from countries with socialized medicine:** ~~The bill includes healthcare policies imported from systems in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom—all countries that have government-run healthcare systems ([page 2349](#)).~~

**Bottom Line:** We are at a crossroads. Are we going to let the Democrats fundamentally change the country quietly, or will we fight them every step of the way? This is a moment to be loud and be bold. **This isn’t legislating—it’s looting.** And working-class Americans are the ones they’re stealing from. As their defenders in Congress, we need to use the platform they’ve afforded to us to embarrass and shame them for what they’re doing to this country. We do that by highlighting the policies contained in this document.